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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 71, relative to the inclusion of the state of
Tennessee in requirements for certain types of health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Tennessee General Assembly that state government should not exempt itself from the cost of the provision of health benefits when it is imposing those same costs upon segments of the private sector.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201(a)(1), is amended by inserting the following language after the semicolon:

Provided, however, that the benefits provided and procedures covered by the medical expense insurance plan shall be at its minimum no less than that prescribed for private employers in Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 63.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-102, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(d) The state insurance committee shall annually perform a study of the cost of all benefits and coverages required by compliance with Section 8-27-201(a)(1) and submit a report detailing the costs of such compliance to the Office of Fiscal Review by

January 31 of each year. Such study shall, where possible, include the utilization of such coverages and their effectiveness.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-102(a), is amended by inserting the following language at the end of the subsection.

Any competitive bids obtained by the state insurance committee for purposes of complying with Section 8-27-201 shall include all benefits and coverages required for private insurance under Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 63 and shall include a comparison of what coverage for state employees would cost if compliance were not required.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.